

**Keoka Lake Association Annual Meeting
July 11, 2015 Wilkins House, Waterford Maine**

Charlie called the meeting to order at 9:00

Buffer Zone Planting - Presentation

Peter Morse presented a LakeSmart PowerPoint on buffer zones, discussed their potential risks for lake quality due to unmitigated storm water runoff and highlighted plantings and remediation of those areas to maintain high lake quality. LakeSmart is an education and reward program for lakefront landowners who maintain their property in ways that protect lake water quality and property values. The LakeSmart program recognizes waterfront homeowners who use natural landscaping strategies to protect the health of their lake. Peter and Jim Flynn, KLA member, have completed the full LakeSmart training presented by Maggie Shannon of Maine Lakes Society and are certified to do LakeSmart inspections for anyone with lakeshore property. The inspections are voluntary, take about an hour and provide opportunities for the lakeshore property owner to get specific ideas on how to effectively manage storm water runoff to help maintain a high water quality of the lake. Peter has extensive experience designing and implementing remediation plans and can make suggestions for native plantings as well. Anyone interested in having their property inspected should contact Peter or Jim.

BUSINESS MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

1. Secretary's Report –

A motion to waive the reading of Minutes from 2014, seconded.
2014 Annual meeting minutes were accepted as posted on the KLA website.

2. Treasurer's Report –

Treasurer, Chip Mason, reports that KLA is 'in good shape'.
KLA's Milfoil reserve fund has risen to \$32,000. The Reserve fund was established to be a point of first response. Should milfoil be found in Keoka Lake, the fund would be the point of first response allowing an immediate start to a remediation program. It will bridge the gap between discovery of milfoil and the application/receipt of State funds and or a capital campaign.

It was moved to accept the Treasurer's Report: seconded and approved

3. Membership – Ginny

Ginny Raymond noted that there are now KLA information flyers placed in realtor-like boxes at public access points to the lake to encourage those who use the lake to consider joining KLA. However, the word of mouth appeal works best.

While LEA informs us that KLA has one of the highest participation percentages of lakes in the LEA region, our goal is 100% participation. Last year, KLA had 84 paid members.

4. Water Quality –

The 2014 Secchi disc readings were 6.2 meters that is slightly better than 24-year avg. Phosphorous was measured at 6.3 which was lower than average. Chlorophyll was within average range. O2 concentration, as usual, was low and remains a long-term concern of the association.

Last summer, the *gloeo* algae population was higher than normal. We are waiting for the current year report to see if this high reading was an anomaly or a trend.

After discussion at the Spring Board Meeting, the Board decided to lower the lake level 24 inches below the spillway level after the summer season. KLA is doing this to slow the erosion of shoreline and reduce undercutting of shoreline by the action of the ice in the lake. Lowering the level of the lake will also reduce the movement of protective rocks along the shore. The normal level will be restored by rains in the spring.

5. Courtesy Boat Inspections (CBI)

As it did last season, LEA is running the program. LEA is hiring the part-time inspectors, managing the schedule and providing payroll services. The cost for the program comes from a \$1,500 grant from the State through LEA and \$3,400 from the Town of Waterford.

6. Plant Patrol

Arnie Klepinger has trained 10 KLA members to survey sections covering the perimeter of the lake. These Plant Patrollers monitor changes in plant species and populations within their 'sector'. Inspections can be easily done from a kayak, canoe, paddleboard, or motorized vehicle. Additional volunteers are always needed and welcome.

7. Plant Inspection 2014/2015

KLA will engage LEA to conduct a plant survey concentrating on potential contamination sites. It has been suggested that KLA develop an emergency plan for inspection.

8. Muni Hot Spots Revisited

Charlie Tarbell reported that for the last 10 years KLA has concentrated on the potential of a milfoil infestation. Prior to that, KLA was concerned and involved in run-off issues in the watershed that impacted the water quality of Keoka Lake. A multiyear effort by the Town of Waterford and KLA resulted in the identification and remediation of "hot spots" that negatively impacted the lake. This spring, Charlie Tarbell and Colin Holme undertook a survey of the remediated spots. Many projects are in excellent shape but maintenance is needed. As expected, the majority of the deficiencies are caused by catch basins being filled with sand - they are doing their job. But, it is now time to clean out those catch basins.

The Town of Waterford has agreed to supply equipment and labor to address this issue. KLA will supply some materials. The KLA Board recommends the inclusion \$1000 to pay for the material (Vote to be taken during Appropriations). We are very grateful to the Town of Waterford for their support of KLA.

9. Water Safety, Operation Report It Now, Dam

Andy Tabor reports that the stainless steel chains are performing as advertised. He reports that last summer, two buoys were damaged by propellers. One can be salvaged; the other needs to be replaced.

A problem with a pair of jet skis operating in a manner to cause damage to shallow areas, shoreline, and loons was reported to the Warden Service. .

10. Fundraising

The merchandise sales at the 4th of July and the Community Breakfasts are going well. There is no kayak raffle this year but there will be smaller raffles held at each of the Community Breakfasts.

11. Website

Jo Lynne Johnson reported that the webmaster, Joe Abbiati, has done a magnificent job updating, refreshing and supplementing the material on the website. New additions that might be of interest are: Webcam links to live bird sites and the Maps of Keoka showing property owner locations.

12. Appropriations

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lakes Environmental Association	\$2,200
Town of Waterford – muni hot spots	1,000
Congress of Lake Associations	200
Wilkins Community House	100
Maine Voluntary Lake Mon. Program	100
Waterford Fire Department	50
Stoneham Rescue Unit	50
<u>Total Donations</u>	<u>\$3,700</u>

LEA requested upping our contribution to cover lake monitoring. This is a vital service and this increase is fully supported by the Board.

Motion to approve the appropriations made, seconded, and accepted.

13. Election of Officers and Board Members

The slate of officers under the 2015-2017 heading was proposed, seconded and elected.

KLA Board of Trustees and Terms

2015 – 2017	2014 – 2016	2013 – 2015
Dave Abbiati, Sec	Dan Johnson	JoAnne Eaton, VP
Ginger Eaton	David Johnson	Chip Mason, Treas
Tom Hammett	Jo Lynne Johnson	Peter Morse
	Arne Klepinger	Richard Orr
	Betty Miller/Kokosing	Ginny Raymond
	Don Rung	Tom Stockwell
		Andy Tabor
		Charlie Tarbell, Pres

NEW BUSINESS

- Third Annual Bud Lazott Memorial Regatta (Al Struck)
 - Saturday, August 1 (RainDate: Sunday, August 2nd) – Chadbourne’s Beach
 - 1:30 pm - Registration 2:00 pm - Start
 - Two classes: Laser and Open – All are Welcome